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A Message from Mrs. Young

We are so blessed to have a wonderful beginning to the new school year! God has great plans for us at NTCA. We are excited about this year. I want to officially say "WELCOME" to every family who is returning or new to the school. Your children are wonderful! I say we have the best group of students and teachers in the North Texas area. I am proud and honored to be a part of the work that is done every day at NTCA.

NTCA has renewed our commitment to "preparing students for life and faith through a superior scholastic, spiritual and social experience". We LOVE, LEARN and LIVE at NTCA. We love God and our relationship with Him. We learn so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us. We live our lives by sharing our faith and knowledge with others. The entire school is learning about different values and virtues along with memory verses that reinforce those values and virtues. Ask your child what this month's memory verse is for Creativity.

Thank you so much for your help with the golf tournament! It was a successful day because of your generous donations of time, money and items for our baskets. We will know soon how much money was raised to go toward technology and our Learning Center. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser!

I am excited to be on this journey with you and your family. Praise God that we can work in Kingdom Education together for His glory!



Cougar PRIDE Committee

The Cougar PRIDE Committee (CPC) is NTCA's volunteer group. The CPC's activities are captured by the acronym PRIDE:

Philanthropy: Helping others (service)

Resource: Fundraisers

Internal Communications: Newsletter

Development: Relations with corporations and Community

Events: Christmas Parade, Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Challenge, RoughRiders, and other activities to promote the school and build camaraderie.

Next Meeting is tomorrow 10/13 at 8:45.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Oct 13	8:45 am Cougar Pride Committee Meeting
Oct 17-21	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 20	Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
Oct 28	Picture Day—Wear an appropriate outfit instead of a uniform
Oct 31	Conference / No School
Nov 8	Thanksgiving Feast
Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving Break / No School
Dec 15	Christmas Program

Meetings are monthly on the second Thursday at 8:45 AM. You can get involved! Coordinators are needed for the CPC's core areas, and as a volunteer, you can get involved in a variety of activities and with a time commitment that fits your schedule. It's not necessary to attend the meetings to participate. Contact Mrs. Young to get started

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High Pointe Events

Sunday, Oct 23, 4-6 pm

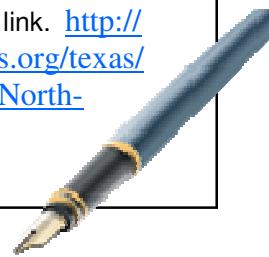
NTCA families are invited to join in the fun at High Pointe's Fall Fest! Food, fun and fellowship for the whole family featuring: Low Pointe Band, bounce houses, games and lots of food! Cost is \$3 per person and children under 3 are free.

Sunday, Oct 30, 5pm

High Pointe Family eXperience (FX)- please join us as we unveil November's Virtue of the Month: **Gratitude**. You don't want to miss the CRAZY skits and awesome praise time! After our FX time, we will have a parade of costumes and "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot. More details to follow soon!

Tell About NTCA

Please go to this link to rate/review our school. It is a link for Great Schools and we need those who love us to complete a review for us. Just follow this link. <http://www.greatschools.org/texas/mckinney/11550-North-Texas-Christian-Academy/>



Lots Of Learning Going On Around Here!

Second graders are learning about Christopher Columbus. We are also beginning to learn about the life cycle of a frog and learning to write our first names in cursive. In Math, we are using a story called "The Magic Pot" to review doubling numbers.

Fifth graders are learning about Early American History in Social Studies. They are participating in simulations such as explorers searching for a faster route to the Indies, and establishing early colonies in North America.

Third grade has been studying the Whipping Boy. It's been an exciting study so far! Our year has gotten off to a great start! In science we've been studying about the 3 states of matter. The weekly experiments have been a lot of fun and really have helped the students to have a better understanding of what we're learning. We are getting ready to go on a field trip to the pumpkin patch. We will be doing all sorts of measurements and comparisons while we are there!

Math News

Fifth grade is discovering patterns in multiplying numbers by 10 and 100 and factoring numbers.

Sixth grade is working on a unit that leads to using prime factorization to find the GCF (greatest common factor) and LCM (least common multiple) of a set of numbers.

Seventh grade is writing equations about real world experiences and showing information in table and graph form.

Eighth grade is solving linear equations through graphs, tables, and number form.

Fourth graders have been introduced to the delights of Charlotte's Web. They are enjoying reading about the antics of Wilbur and the kindness and amazing web feats of Charlotte. They have been learning about the great geographical variety of the state of Texas. They just finished researching the regions and becoming the teachers to their classmates. In math class, they have learned about arrays and multiplication, gathering and interpreting data, as well as representing the data on graphs and line plots. They had a great time measuring the heights of the fourth graders and the first graders and comparing the data.

Language Arts

Novels for 5th-8th are going strong. We are reading exciting stories and learning about new people and places everyday. We are also writing grammar stories and learning about the parts of speech. Hopefully in a few months we can share our stories with the lower school. We are also getting to experience language arts on the web as we blog about the novels we are reading. We are making great conversation with our classmates, and enjoying the experience.

4-H News

We had our first 4-H meeting of the 2011-2012 school year on September 20. It was a great turn out!! Congratulations to the officers of NTCA 4-H:

President – Garrett Kirkconnell

Vice President – Justin Kirkconnell

Secretary – Sara Zimmerman

4-H Meetings are the second & fourth Tuesdays of every month from 3:30 – 4:30. Please call Marie Hoke at [469-323-2447](tel:469-323-2447) for additional information.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. 4-H gives them a chance to pursue their own interests - from photography to computers, from building rockets to raising sheep. A list of 4-H projects is available online. They go places - to camp, to state and national conferences. They learn to be leaders and active citizens.

Red Ribbon Week

Oct 17-21

- Monday - NTCA wears Red-Just Say No: wear red polos
- Tuesday - Hats off to Drugs: crazy hats (no crazy hair please)
- Wednesday - Sock it to Drugs: wear chapel dress with crazy socks
- Thursday - Team up Against Drugs - wear your favorite team shirt with jeans
- Friday - NTCA is Drug Free - wear your NTCA spirit shirt with jeans

Cub's Corner

Our Bible Theme is "I Grow". Our Bible story is I Samuel 2:21, where we learn that Samuel grew up serving the Lord.

Our themes are Fire prevention, Fall Changes, and Halloween. To help us learn about our themes, the McTown Klownz came to NTCA to entertain us with their Fire/Safety program, and the Fire Dept. will come by for a brief demonstration of a Fireman's job and a tour of the fire truck.

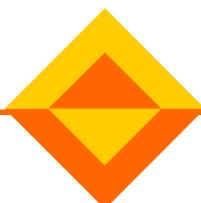
Our letters and sounds are I, F, E. The Twos are reviewing 1 and 2, and will start to learn 3 and 4. The Threes will review 1,2,3, and start to learn 4,5, and 6. Our colors are yellow and orange, and our shapes are squares and diamonds

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip:

Thursday, October 20th @ 10:00-12:30

Big Orange Pumpkin Patch in Celina

The Preschool classes, Kinder Readiness, and Kindergarten will be traveling to the Big Orange Pumpkin Patch in Celina. This is a "family" field trip. We asked that each student have an adult with them. We will meet at the pumpkin patch at 10:00 for some Fall Fun! We will feed the animals, take a hayride, and pick a pumpkin. You may also picnic at the pumpkin patch if you'd like. Watch your child's folder for more information and reservation forms!

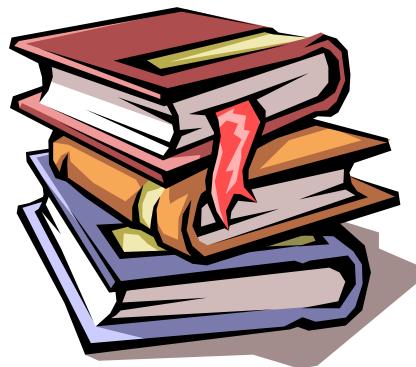


Students of the Week

The Virtue is Knowledge

August 22

Gavin Fletcher
Mark Haaland
Ryan Humphrey
Samuel Oliveira
Dylan Shaw
Tyler Wolgamott
Bradley Zimmerman



August 29

Trinity Cristina
Mara Dooley
Jackson Jones
Claire Keller
Daniela Morales
Dayten Nuttall
Sara Zimmerman

September 12

Kalin Carlson
Dezri Cristina
Kaitlyn Frieling
McKenna Hicks
Masyn Hoke
Hayden Winstead
Michael Wolgamott

September 5

Mark Campbell
Elisa Chacon
Peter Evans
Joshua Mendoza
Chloe Keller
Lucille Ranney
William Simpkins

September 19

Coleman Hicks
Caleb Matthews
Joshua Mendoza
Samuel Oliveira
Morgan Pettway
Abigale Simes
Isaiah Wells

We are so happy to announce the baptism of Justin Kirkconnell and Garrett Kirkconnell on September 28th. We are so proud of both of them for making the decision to follow God and put on Christ as their Savior.

October Virtue and Verse

Creativity:
Using your
imagination
to do
something
unique

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's
workmanship, cre-
ated in Jesus
Christ to do good
works, which God
prepared in ad-
vance for us to do.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10 <i>Tina Tennison Jeff Sawyer</i>	11 <i>Colleen Haaland Diana Rowden</i>	12 <i>Sigrid Bandon Joe Hicks</i>	13 <i>Anne Cully Holly Milstead</i>	14 <i>Teresa Shaw Ken Dunlop</i>
17 <i>Allen Keller Kelly Chacon</i>	18 <i>Colleen Haaland Jennifer Ranney</i>	19 <i>Tammy Zimmerman Diana Rowden</i>	20 <i>Brenda Bartlett Anne Cully</i>	21 <i>Sharon Dunlap Nathan Wilson</i>
24 <i>Tina Tennison Jeff Sawyer</i>	25 <i>Colleen Haaland Rachel Keller</i>	26 <i>Sigrid Bandon Diana Rowden</i>	27 <i>Anne Cully Holly Milstead</i>	28 <i>Ken Dunlap Teresa Shaw</i>
31 <i>No School/Parent- Teacher Conferences</i>	October Lunchroom Volunteers: Thanks to each one of you!			<i>Contact the school office to volunteer for November!</i>

First Day of School Photo Gallery



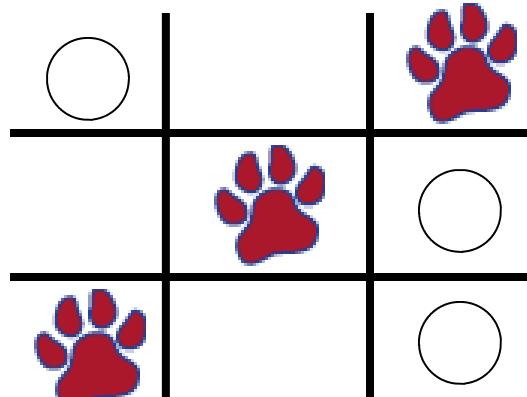


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Love, Learn, Live

We love God and our relationship with Him.
We learn so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.
We live our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

Have you joined NTCA on Facebook? We have two Facebook pages. One is a secure group for parents and grandparents, while the other is a fan page that anyone can join. Both are listed as NTCA - North Texas Christian Academy. See you on Facebook!



Mission Statement

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